

## Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the abstract of the specification with the one that follows:

~~The present invention provides visual effects~~  
Special effects containers that include a special effects  
substance are provided in, for example, greeting cards, gift bags, photo albums, postcards. ~~Visual effects are realized through special effects containers that include a special effects substance.~~ This substance may comprise particles (e.g., a glitter or confetti) and a liquid (e.g., water) such that when the special effects container is shaken, a visual effect is produced. One type of visual effect produced ~~by the present invention~~ is similar to the ~~effect produced by~~ that of a snow globe. For example, pieces of a polymer confetti, each having the shape of a snowflake, may be included in a special effects container ~~that also houses~~ with a liquid. ~~These pieces of~~ Such confetti may have a negative buoyancy with respect to the liquid such that after the special effects container is shaken, the pieces of confetti sink. The rate of descent/ascent of the container particles can be configured by changing the specific weight of ~~either~~ the liquid or ~~the container~~ particles.